# Aerial Lift and Chipper Safety



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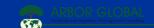
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### **Aerial Lifts**

Aerial lifts permit workers to safely and efficiently access elevated portions of trees to conduct required work





### **Aerial Lifts**

Permit unqualified individuals to easily enter potentially dangerous sites high in trees

- Significantly increases risk to worker and public
- Results in injuries and sometimes fatalities
- Damages trees





### Aerial Lift Accidents

#### Most common:

- Overturns
- Falls from platform
- Boom collapse
- Crushing
- Electrocution





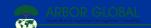




### **Aerial Lift Accidents**

#### **Fatality Statistics:**

Cause	Boom- supported lifts	Scissor lifts	Unknown type of lift	Total
Electrocutions	62	6	-	69
Falls	35	23	6	64
Collapses or tipovers	23	21	-	46
Caught in/between	11	-	•	14
Struck by/against	6	-		9
Other causes	5	-	•	5
Total deaths	142	55	10	207



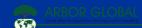
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#### Always follow safety requirements:

- Applicable laws and regulations
- ANSI standards
- Manufacturer's operating instructions







### Aerial Lift Safety

Adequate training, maintenance and operation is critical to avoid serious injury, death and property damage:

- Qualified Operator
- Properly use required personal protective equipment
- Conduct correct inspection and maintenance practices
- Follow safe lift transport and set-up
- Practice correct, safe operating procedures







### Aerial Lift Safety

Checklist based on the manufacturer's operator's manual is excellent guide to direct and record each inspection, maintenance and set-up operation.

SAFETY, AND HEALTH PROGRAM			ATTACHMENT:				NA
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AERIAL LIFT EQ							
The user will be responsible for ensuring that a pre-acceptance or pre-	start inspe	ction of the	equipment	is performed	d and docu	ımented	below:
	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
Hose and Cable Guards - Properly secured; no visible damage.							
Drive Motor and Brake Shield - Properly secured; no missing hardware.							
Tire and Wheel Assembly - Properly secured, no loose or missing lug nuts; no visible damage (no cut tires). Tires properly inflated.							
Drive Hub - No visible damage; evidence of leakage.							
Power Track - No loose, damaged or missing parts; hydraulic and electrical lines - no visible damage.							
Control Valve and Engine Compartment - No loose or missing parts; evidence of leakage; unsupported wires or hoses.							
Engine Oil Supply - Full mark on dipstick; filler cap secure.							
Muffler and Exhaust System - Properly secured; no evidence of leakage.							
Ground Control Panel - Switches operable; no visible damage; placards secure and legible.							
Counterweight - Properly secured.							
Air Shrouding - No visible damage; loose or missing hardware. No obstructions.							
Hydraulic Oil Supply - Full mark on dipstick (all system shut down - machine in stowed position.							
Boom Sections - No visible damage; wear pads secure; boom chain properly adjusted and not damaged.							
Platform Control Console - Switches and levers and no loose missing parts. Levers/switches to return to neutral position.							
viewed by Management :	Date						

#### AERIAL LIFT DEVICE Preventive Maintenance Checklist Comments Note: The items below should be inspected during a typical preventive maintenance check. Additional checklist items may be required depending on equipment or circumstances. UNDERHOOD Motor oil, power steering INTERIOR Coolant level, hoses Fuel line leaks Brakes Belt tensions Steering Fuel level Horn & safety devices Batteries Wiper blades & control Windshield Washer Mirrors Meters, gauges & control EXTERIOR Seats & seat belts Clutch Stop lights Head, tail, direction lights Cab, body, glass Warning lights GENERAL Reflectors Exhaust system Coupling devices Hydraulic lines Engine Bucket/platform Fire extinguisher Safety belt / lanyard Emergency triangle First aid kit Boom Tires, wheels, lug bolts Hydraulic reservoirs Springs - steering mechanism Drive line, universal joints Drain air reservoirs



Qualification requires training, knowledge, experience and demonstrated proficiency:

Read and understand operator's manual







Understand laws and regulations that affect the equipment and job

American National Standard

ANSI 2133.1-2006

for Arboricultural Operations— Safety Requirements



### **OSHA Fact** Sheet

#### **Using Aerial Lifts**

The major causes of injuries and fatalities involving aerial lifts are falls, electrocutions, and collapses or tip-overs. Aerial devices include boom-supported aerial platforms, such as cherry pickers or bucket trucks, aerial ladders and vertical towers (OSHA regulates scissor lifts as mobile scaffolds, not as aerial devices). Safe work practices for aerial lifts include:

- Ensure that workers who operate aerial lifts are properly trained in the safe use of the equipment. Test the controls and inspect the aerial lift before use each day. Make sure that all controls are clearly marked as to their function.
- Never override hydraulic, mechanical or electrical safety devices. Maintain and operate aerial lifts according to the manufacturer's instructions. Always stand firmly on the basket floor. Do not sit or climb on the edge or rails of the basket. Never use planks, boxes or other items inside the basket to extend your reach.
- Ensure that all wheels of an elevated lift are on a solid base. Use outriggers, if provided. Set the brakes and use wheel chocks when on an incline. Do not exceed the load limits of the equipment. Allow for the combined weight of the worker(s), tools and materials.
- De-energize and lockout/tagout aerial lifts before performing any maintenance or repairs.

#### Working near Power Lines

Maintain a minimum clearance of at least 10 feet away from the nearest overhead line. In addition, any conductive object that can be contacted must be maintained at least 10 feet from overhead lines. Conductive objects could be wires, transtormers, ducts, pipes or other equipment. Always treat overhead lines as energized, even if they are down or appear to be insulated. Qualified power line and communications workers and qualified line-clearance tree trimmers are trained to work closer than 10 feet to a power line. See OSHA'S Tree Trimming Fact Sheet and Quick Card.) Never lose awareness of the overhead hazard.

#### Struck-by, Crushed-by, or Caught-in Hazards

Establish and clearly mark a danger zone around the aerial lift support vehicle. Never move the equipment with workers in the elevated platform unless the equipment has been specifically designed for this type of operation. Do not allow workers to position themselves between overhead hazards, such as joists and beams, and the rails of the basket. If the basket moves, the worker's ould become trapped and crushed

between the rails and the overhead object.

#### Fall Protection

Do not allow workers to belt off to an adjacent pole, structure or equipment while working from an aerial lift. Use a body harness or positioning device with a lanyard attached to the boom or basket to prevent the worker from being ejected or pulled from the basket.

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### Adequate, hands-on training

- Inspection
- Transport
- Set-up
- Operation





#### **Demonstrate proficiency**

- Lift operation
- Conduct of work from bucket





# Personal Protective Equipment

#### Select, inspect and properly use all required PPE

- Hard hat
- Body belt/harness
- Lanyard attached to boom or basket
- Eye protection
- Hearing protection?





#### "Field Modification"

- Modifications in structure, attachments or use not permitted Unless
- Certified in writing by the manufacturer or nationally recognized testing laboratory, to be in conformity with ANSI A92.2-1969 and as safe as before modification





#### Inspect key operating parts of carrier and lift

- Prior to use each day
- Anytime incident occurs that may damage lift or carrier
- General condition to ensure clean, dry & no significant defects or damage





#### Insulated Booms for insulator condition (upper and lower)

- Clean and dry
- Damage or defects







Hydraulic system – fluid levels, leaks





Lift cradle – cracks, damage, lift secure







Outriggers - welds and structure cracks, damage









#### Warning decals in place and readable









#### Pylon Mast (pedestal)

- Bolts secure with no defects or damage
- Welds no cracks or other structural defects







#### **Pivot Pins**

- Seated properly
- Bushings wear or damage





#### Drive cables or chains (if present)

- Lubrication adequate
- Signs of cable fatigue or strands broken
- Break tolerances adequate in a single lay of cable







#### Guard and covers

• In place and in good condition





- Hoses:
  - Damage/defects
  - Leaks, cracks, breaks
- Hose connections
  - Secure
  - Cracks, leaks





- Drive Cylinders
  - Cylinder Caps damage, leaking fluid
  - Rod Ends cracks, excessive wear, damage







#### **Controls**

- Labels present and legible
- Test fly all functions -
  - Travel directions smooth and correct
  - Lower control station first, then platform







#### Bucket/platform

- Welds (cracks)
- Excessive wear
- Damage
- Missing parts
- Proper gate operation
- Lift bolts and cotter pins secure
- Rotation points cracks, damage







#### **Tires**

- Pressure
- Damage
- Lug nuts tight





### Brake operation











#### **Safety Devices:**

- Lights
- Back-up alarms
- Interlock devices
- Other safety devices

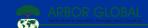






Ensure carrier and lift secure and safe to move





- Ensure that the boom is fully retracted/folded
- Cradle and secure boom according to manufacturer







Stow and secure detachable and portable equipment and attachments





#### Know the minimum overhead ground clearance

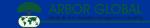
- Avoid overhead obstructions
  - Low utility lines
  - Bridges
  - Tree branches





Conduct vehicle inspection to conform to DOT requirements



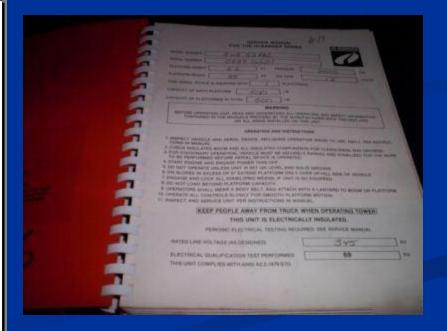


## Transport

### Ensure all documents current and stored on truck:

- Current truck inspection
- Lift manual
- Reports for annual inspections required by manufacturer

Equipment Number 454-A Description		htliner FLD	12064ST				Year 1998					
	r 12321312			Model FDL12064ST			License Number 5T4565				65	
Truck And/Or Tractor Maintenance & Mile			502295					-				_
Safety Inspection Report	rs Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Mav	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
For The Year Of 2002				FOK DEF								
Fire Extinguisher & Reflectors - Secured - Marked			POK DE									
Horn - Detrosters, Gauges and Speedometer	-HH	HH	NA.	88	HH	HH			HH	HH	HH	HH
Mirrors and Supports		HH	NA.	88		HH		HH			HH	HE
Windshield Wipers - Window Cracks, Condition		HH	M	HH		HH		HH	HH	HH	HH	H
Check All Lights - Turn Signals - Reflectors, Mud Flaps	166	HHH	M	77	-			HH			HH	П
Check Electrical Wiring - Condition & Protection	166	HHH	NI I	77		77		HH	77	HH		П
Check Batteries - Water Terminals and Cable	166	HHH	NA.	881			77	HH	HH	HH	HH	П
Warning Devices - Air, Oil and Temperature, Vacuum	166	HHH	NI I	88	-	HH		HH	HH	HH	HH	HE
Radiator & Water hoses - Condition - Leaks	166	HHH	NA.	88				HH	77	77	HH	Hi
Belts - Compressor(s), Fan and Water Pump			NO.									ПП
Air Lines - Leaks, Condition and Protection		Inn	MП		nn					77		Ti i
Fuel Tanks - Lines - Pump, Condition & Protection		ПП	MO							77		TO F
Manifold and Flange Gaskets - Muffler & Condition			MU									П
Engine Mounts, Oil & Fuel leaks		ПП	MП									Ti I
Clutch Adjustment and Free Play		ПП	NO.		пп					ПП		П
Thottle and Linkage, Air Filter		ПП	MU									ПГ
Generator/Alternator, Starter, Brushes and Wiring			MU									ПГ
Tractor Protection Valve - Breakaway Test			MU									ПГ
Brakes - Lining, Drums, and Adjustment - Near Cam Over, Pedal Ht-Hy	a	Inn	MU		пп			nn		ПП		ПГ
Hoses and Tubing - Condition - Protection, Hyd. Brake Reservoir Level		ППП	Ø.		пп			пп	пп	пп	пп	ПП
Air Leaks and 1 Minute Brake Application Test, Vacuum Loss		ПП	ØП		пп					ПП		ПП
Air Governor Adjustment - Min 85 - Max 130		ПП	ØП		ПП			пп	пп	ПП	пп	ПП
Identify Number 1 Air Tank - Drain - Test Check Valve		ППП	MП		пп			пп	пп	ПП	пп	ПГ
All Tanks Secure, Drains Operable, Drain Tanks												
Check Tire and Rim Condition, Cracks, Lugs Loose, Tread Depth			Ø.									
Parking Brake-Condition and Adjustment			<b>S</b>									
Emergency Stopping System-Labled, Operable			ØП									
Release after Loss of Service Air - Test Anti Skid Lamp			V									
Check Steering Gear and Mounting - Free Lash												
Steering Arms, Drag Links and Tie Rods			$\square$									
Fifth Wheel Condition and Mounting			$\nabla$									
Springs, Shackles and U-Bolts - Torque Arms			N C									
Check Frame, Cross Members, Cracks, Etc			$\square$									
Drive Shaft and universal Joints			$\square$									
Transmission, Differential - Mounting and Seals			$\square$									
Wheel Seals Leaks, Hydraulic Brake System Leaks			$\square$									
Clean Under Carriage		ІПП	N U					ПП			ПП	





## Transport

- Working fire extinguisher stored in appropriate location
- Fully stocked first aid kit, appropriate for the work stored in appropriate location







## Transport

### Conduct final walk-around inspection

• Ensure all attachments, equipment and lift boom properly secured.



## Tree and Site Inspection

### Comprehensive tree and site inspection prior to set-up

- Identify hazards and obstacles
- Plan set-up and work



## Site Inspection

- Holes, drop-offs, or unstable objects on ground
- Underground voids or structures
  - Septic systems, irrigation, wells, lava tubes, etc.
- Side or overhead obstacles or obstructions to bucket/platform or boom extension or maneuvering
- Overhead electric lines
- Unauthorized vehicles and personnel
- Location and attention of all workers during all operations







- Firm
  - will not permit lift to sink or overturn
- Reasonably level ground
  - Within maximum slope defined by manufacturer generally less than 5 degrees
- Free of obstacles and obstructions
- Free of safety obstacles and obstructions

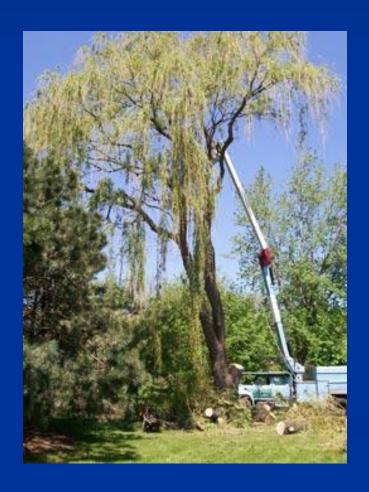




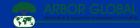


### Position lift to:

- Safely and efficiently access work stations
- Minimize reach to horizontal extensions







- Set parking brake
- Chock wheels
  - Opposite sides of vehicle and alternate sides of tires





### Warning signals installed/activated

- Lights, flashers, signs, cones and barriers
- Conformance to local jurisdiction







### Outriggers extended and set

- Prior to extending outrigger on opposite side of equipment
  - Operator visually check and call out warning to ensure no personnel within landing zone of outrigger
  - Command and response
- Soft ground or sites where outriggers may damage surface
  - Outrigger pads installed
- Downhill first









### Emergency rescue kit

- Safe location
- Clear of vehicle
- Easily accessible





### Final check conducted

- Vehicle stable and in good working order
- Site safe.



## Work Plan/Job Brief

### Plan and communicate all safety rules for each job site

- Work tasks and progression
- Potential hazards and their mitigation
- Emergency response plan
- Each worker's tasks, role, responsibility and positioning
- Command and response system
- All required equipment present and good working order.





### Do not operate machinery if:

- Tired
- Using drugs or alcohol
- Do not drive vehicle with the platform elevated



#### Minimize electrical contacts risk

- All employees attend Electrical Hazard Awareness Program in conformance with OSHA and ANSI requirements
- Worksite inspection
- Only qualified electrical line clearance workers can work near energized electrical equipment
- Maintain distance of > 10 feet from all energized conductors
  - Clearance includes person, aerial lift and boom, all tools and equipment, and all parts of a tree
  - If minimum approach distance cannot be maintained at all times, contact owner of electrical lines to coordinate safe work clearance







### Wear fall protection equipment

- Lanyard attached to manufacturer's attachment point
  - Boom or bucket/platform
- Do not connect lanyard to adjacent equipment, poles, trees or structures





### Keep both feet firmly on floor of the platform

- Do not sit or climb on rail
- Do not lean far out
- Do not use ladders, blocks or other elevators inside platform to increase reach







Apply appropriate arboriculture practices to prevent uncontrolled tree or branch falls onto equipment

No spurs worn in bucket





### Loads lift only as approved by manufacturer

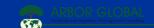
- Do not permit > approved number of persons in platform
- Use only manufacturer's approved lift device
  - •Do not tie loads to platform or boom
- Ensure loads are balanced
- Consider weight of operator





- Do not operate lift during periods of high winds
- Never operate a lift alone
  - At least 2 qualified operators always present during lift operations





- Face direction platform is moving
- Operate controls smoothly





## Continuously inspect for potential hazards and re-evaluate safe operation

- Be aware of location of boom and platform in relation to other structures, objects and hazards
- •Communicate any changes in work plan to all workers







Recognize and avoid key crush points whenever lift is in operation

- Focused on location of all persons relevant to lift movement
- Command and response prior to lift movement





Workers shall not operate the lower controls without the direct knowledge and express permission of the worker in the bucket/platform, unless an emergency exists





### Cease operation if any part of lift breaks or malfunctions

• Qualified repair technician must conduct repairs and tests before continuing operations.







## Ladder Inspection

### Avoid failure of parts and falls

- Rivets and bolts firm and in place
- Rungs and rails sound and free of defects
- Non-skid feet secure and sound.







## Ladder Safety Operation

#### Person or ladder fall hazard

- Tired or dizzy, do not climb ladder
- Do not use ladder in high winds or storms
- Wear slip-resistant shoes
- Select proper size ladder for job
  - Climber should not stand on top rung or step





## Ladder Safety Operation

- Duty Rating of ladder > total weight of climber, tools, supplies, and other objects placed upon ladder
- Place ladder on firm level ground
- Avoid slippery condition base or top support points
- Only one person on ladder
- Read safety information labels
- Never jump on/off or slide down ladder







## Ladder Safety Operation

- Must be secured while working or before leaving ladder
- Utilize three points-of-contact
- Climb one rung/step at a time
- Keep center of belt buckle between rails.







## Chippers

### Chippers process wood into compact chips

- Reduce large volume of wood into small area
- Easy to transport and dispose







### Proper training and practices critical

- Daily inspection and maintenance
- Proper towing procedures
- Starting and stopping procedures
- Safe feeding of wood















## Chipper Accidents

- Broken bones from wood strikes
- Lacerations/contusions from moving branch strikes
- Eye injuries
- Body parts processed





### Always wear appropriate PPE

- Protective helmet
- Eye protection
- Hearing protection
- Properly fitting clothing
- Work boots









### Do not wear:

- Loose clothing
- Jewelry
- Gauntlet-type gloves
- Climbing saddles
- Harnesses/lanyards
- Back support belts

















### Feeding wood into chipper

- Clear tripping hazards from near chipper
- No part of operator's body should ever enter chute area
- Avoid placing rocks, metal or other debris into chipper with wood









### When feeding material

- Large (butt) end goes in first
- Feed from side of apron
- Move quickly to side after throwing material into chute
- Small wood can be pushed in with a larger branches
- Small branches remaining in chute will be pulled in by next branch





### When feeding material

- No foreign material (stones, cabling hardware, nails, etc.)
- Suspect wood should be hauled away

### Manage ropes to avoid entanglement/uptake into chipper







### Do Not conduct chipper maintenance unless it is off & locked

- Key off and out of ignition
- Cutter wheel completely stopped
- Lock pins installed.











# Use only qualified personnel and

### Follow all manufacturer's instructions





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